

## FRANCE REJECTS GERMAN PROPOSALS

### Debt Issue Discussed by Cabinet

Wadsworth Reports Nearly Every Debtor Nation Is Making "Gesture Toward Settlement."

### Three Are Holding Out

By Universal Service.  
Washington, June 8.—Today's cabinet meeting was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the foreign debt problem.

A White House spokesman announced afterward that President Harding had been informed that nearly everyone of the debtor nations was making a "gesture towards settlement." The spokesman first said all the governments owing the United States had indicated a willingness to talk payment, but then changed it to "nearly everyone."

The new advice which prompted the discussion of the situation by the cabinet are understood to have been brought back by Elliott Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury, and secretary of the world war foreign debt commission, who returned today from Paris.

Discusses Rhine Expense.  
On his trip abroad, Mr. Wadsworth acted as special commissioner for the state department in the negotiation of the allied powers regarding payment of the United States share of the cost of maintaining the army on the Rhine, but his most important assignment, it was stated at the time of his departure, was to sound out the debtor governments on payment of their war debts.

The countries which are still displaying no inclination even to discuss a funding arrangement with the United States are said to be France, Belgium, and Rumania. France took the position last year, when M. Parmentier came over to confer with the debt commission, that she was not in a position even to enter into a negotiation, notwithstanding that the period over which the agreement to defer interest payments extended had expired. She has not availed herself of that attitude today, according to available information. In fact, the understanding is that she has found a new excuse for not settling in the reparations struggle.

Stand on Wilson Offer.  
Belgium is standing on her claim that former President Wilson agreed to cancel her debt to the United States incurred up to the date of the armistice in return for German reparations bonds in a like amount. The American commission flatly refuses to consider any such claim, pointing out that the former president had no right to make such an agreement except with the approval of congress.

Entire H. R. Bowen Stock Bought by Brandeis Store  
The entire stock of the H. R. Bowen company, 1113 Howard street, was purchased by J. L. Brandeis & Sons.

The H. R. Bowen company has been in business for 15 years and has earned an excellent reputation for good merchandise in this community.

Mr. Bowen, having decided to go out of the retail business and confine his activities to the wholesale business, and also on account of the lease on his building expiring in the near future, J. L. Brandeis & Sons has bought his entire stock at what is quoted to be a very low figure. The deal involves a good many thousands of dollars in furniture, rugs, drapery, curtains, linoleums, lamps, phonographs, records, washing machines, refrigerators, sewing machines, bedspreads, blankets, linens, china, etc.

The management of the Brandeis store now is preparing this merchandise for a sale, which ought to be a record event in the selling of furniture and house-furnishings in Omaha.

South Dakota Church Is Beneficiary in Will  
New York, June 8.—The Protestant Episcopal bishops of Arizona and South Dakota were left \$10,000 each for tubercular work or any purpose in the "diocese," in the will of Ethel L. McLean, died for probate today. She died here May 15.

Navajo Indians Kiss Receding Tide After Prayers for Rains  
Santa Barbara, Cal., June 8.—Navajo Indian, Chiefs Homanli Begay (Doe of Deeds) and Mahie Escanis (Wolf Killer), kissed the receding tide on the beach here today, thanked the Mother of Waters for bringing rain to their lands in Arizona and prayed for further showers.

In the legends of the tribe, the sea is not only the mother of waters, but also the mother of all the Navajos, and it is fitting that, when a member of that tribe sees the ocean for the first time, he should offer his tribute and sacrifice.

Begay and Escanis have been here two days as delegates to the league of the southwest conference, but they religiously kept away from the beach until today.

This morning, in the presence of a crowd of palefaces, they offered sacrifices of corn and flower pollen scattered on the gentle breeze that blew over the softly rippling surf, and then kissed the receding foam on the beach.

### Mrs. Anna Rapp, 102, Dies at Aurora, Neb.



Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Aurora, Neb., June 8.—Mrs. Anna Rapp, who celebrated her 102d birthday on May 19, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Pierson.

Mrs. Rapp was born in Sweden in 1821. She came to America in 1867 and spent many years at Princeton, Ill.

After funeral services Saturday the body will be taken to Princeton for interment.

While residing at Princeton Mrs. Rapp operated a boarding house after she was 90, performing the duties of a housekeeper even at that advanced age.

Big Curb Firm Crashes; Cops Seek Records  
Receiver Appointed for L. L. Winkelman & Co.—District Attorney Charges Records Spirited Away.

New York, June 8.—District Attorney Banton, who is investigating charges of bucketing against several bankrupt brokerage houses, today called on the police to aid him in tracing records of the curb market house of L. L. Winkelman & Co., which disappeared a few minutes after an involuntary bankruptcy petition had been filed.

Mr. Banton rushed Assistant District Attorney Gibbs to the Winkelman house as soon as he learned of the crash. Mr. Gibbs reported he had been informed that several large packages, presumably records of the firm, had been taken away in a taxicab.

Failure of the Winkelman house, which was the largest firm holding membership in the New York curb market, intensified Mr. Banton's campaign against brokers alleged to have operated in a questionable manner. United States Attorney Hayward also has entered the investigation, seeking an alleged conspiracy to defraud investors.

Declares Clients Solved.  
George Gordon Battle, attorney for the firm, whose liabilities were listed at \$1,750,000 and assets at \$1,500,000, issued a statement declaring his clients asserted they were solvent and intended to cooperate with the receiver to the fullest extent for the protection of their customers.

Attorney Battle denied that any Baby Is Born in Italy; Grocer and Family Held By Universal Service.

New York, June 8.—When Corroto Perrin, owner of a chain of Cleveland, O., groceries, and his family arrived today after a year's visit to Italy, immigration authorities told him he would have to leave his baby daughter, 7 months old, outside. She was born in Italy, and the Italian quota is filled.

The Perrins refused to leave the baby, and the entire family of five was sent to Ellis Island.

### 2 Scored by Line Flash

One Employee Injured at Omaha Power Plant May Die—Other Burned in Rescue.

### All Lights Extinguished

One man was burned, probably fatally, and another suffered serious burns when a short circuit occurred in the 2,300-volt room at the Nebraska Power company's central plant at Fourth and Jones streets yesterday afternoon.

L. C. Smith, 2911 Miami street, electrician, was terribly burned on the face and upper part of the body. All the hair was burned from his head and the skin blackened and peeled from parts of the flesh. He was suffering excruciating pain.

Tyson, while not so seriously injured, received severe burns on the head and hands.

Pleas for Cigaret.  
As Smith was being rushed to Lord Lister hospital in the police ambulance, he pleaded for a cigarette between gasps of pain. He expressed the fear that he would die, and worried over what would become of his little children if left fatherless. He also expressed fear for his eyesight, saying that "everything was growing dark."

Physicians at the hospital hold little hope for Smith's recovery.

Neither of the injured men was able to tell exactly what happened, except that something caused a short circuit.

Current for the entire city is controlled from the 2,300-volt room of the plant and the short circuit and resulting flash caused the cutting off of power and lights in all downtown sections of the city for a short time and in some parts for a longer period.

According to William Emery, another power house employee, who was working in an adjoining room, he saw a blinding flash, accompanied by a deafening report, and followed by a hissing sound and screams of agony.

Has Two Children.  
He rushed into the room where Tyson and Smith were working to find Smith writing on the floor and Tyson, who was working some distance away, rushing to his rescue. Tyson received his burns while attempting to extricate Smith from the flame and smoke.

Smith has two children, Lois, 3, and Richard, 1, who live with his mother-in-law, Mrs. McAllister, at 2011 Miami street.

### 1,000,000-Mark Note Is Planned in Germany

Berlin, June 8.—Preparations are reported under way at the federal money printing plant to issue notes in denominations of 1,000,000 marks. It is stated a limited number of these notes are to be printed for the use of large business concerns.

Head of Harpoon Buried in Whale 50 Years Found

Bergen, June 8.—In the carcass of a whale caught in the Davis Strait, Greenland, and recently brought into a Norwegian port, the head of an old harpoon has been found, deeply embedded in the blubber.

Experts declare that the whale must have carried the harpoon in its body for some 50 years, since it is of a pattern used by American whalers when they fished the Greenland coasts half a century ago.

### Alabama Man Is Hanged on Same Gallows as Father

Birmingham, Ala., June 8.—William Golson was hanged in the Jefferson county jail here on the same gallows that claimed his father years ago. Golson was convicted of criminal assault on a white woman.

### Playing Hokey Pays Boy \$1,200 Dividend, but He Loses Freedom

New York, June 8.—Playing hokey paid dividends of \$1,200 to John Spano, 16, but now he's under sentence to a parental school.

Staying away from classes enabled John to identify so many movie stars that he won the \$1,200 capital prize in a photographic contest conducted by a newspaper.

Thousands he defeated in the contest paid homage to him as a "boy wonder," but John's mother said he was "just plain incorrigible" and had him haled into court.

### Verdict Clears Miller in Suit Over Insurance

Award of \$10,000 With Interest Against Union Company Vindicates F. W. Melick of Hemingford.

An outstanding feature of the verdict and judgment for \$11,774.08 rendered by a jury in district court in favor of plaintiff, in the case of Nelson S. Uplik against Union Fire Insurance company, was the vindication of F. W. Melick of Hemingford, Neb.

Mr. Melick's mill and its contents at Hemingford were completely destroyed by fire July 14, 1920. In addition to insurance on the building four companies carried total insurances of \$18,500 on wheat valued at \$1,000,000.

After an adjustment immediately following the fire, three companies paid their losses on the contents. The Union Fire Insurance company of Lincoln carried a policy of \$10,000 on the wheat, which policy had been assigned by Mr. Melick to Mr. Uplik, requiring the latter to bring the action when the Union company refused to pay anything on its policy.

The case attracted considerable attention because of efforts of the Union company, through its various investigators, to reflect upon the character of Mr. Melick. After a sharply contested trial lasting three and a half days, during which the insurance company called skilled investigators and attorneys into the case, the jury promptly returned a verdict for the full amount of the policy with interest, completely vindicating Mr. Melick.

### Heavy Rains Make Blue River Menace

Stream Four Feet Above Normal—Pure Water Supply Threatened.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Beatrice, Neb., June 8.—Heavy rains have fallen in this section today, making the flood situation along the Blue river valley more serious. At DeWitt, north of Beatrice, and points south, forces of men are at work building temporary dikes in an attempt to prevent the river from overflowing its banks. In some of the lowlands between DeWitt and Beatrice and south to Marysville, Kan., the flood waters have covered some of the fields, doing considerable damage to crops. Men with spears are making big hauls of fish.

A cave-in at the city wells north-west of Beatrice threatens the water supply, and the water now running through the mains is badly discolored. The river is reported about stationary here this evening, but should it continue raining during the night the river will be out of its banks by tomorrow. It is nearly four feet higher than normal.

### Woman Jumps Into Lake With Bricks in Pockets

Chicago, June 8.—The uncanny determination to die of a gray-haired woman whose body was taken today from Lake Michigan was revealed when at the morgue the pockets of her coat were found to be weighted with bricks.

Despite the bricks the corpse was found floating on the water surface. The body was unidentified.

### An Unfortunate "Demonstration"



### In the Omaha Sunday Bee

Hastings in the magazine section of The Sunday Bee.

Miles.  
Thirty-one thousand six hundred and eighty miles up and down in a passenger elevator. It doesn't seem possible. But that's what the speedometer shows for one man right here in Omaha. In The Sunday Bee.

Cupid.  
The prince of Wales is 29 years old. And Cupid hasn't reached him yet. And it's causing no end of concern to the inhabitants of the British Isles. An illustrated story in The Sunday Bee.

Gloom.  
A new species of the human race has been discovered by O. O. McIntyre. He's the after-dinner glow hound. What is an after-dinner glow hound? He's the man who tries to listen to the after-dinner speeches. A humorous, fun-poking story written in Mr. McIntyre's best style in the magazine section of The Sunday Bee.

Grads.  
This is graduation week in Omaha. You'll be sure to find some one you know among the photographs of graduates of the Benson, Sacred Heart and St. Johns High schools in the rotogravure section of The Sunday Bee.

Fear.  
Superstition in the jungles of South America. What happened to a Nebraska man who penetrated the interior of Brazil and only laughed at the fears of his native guides over his broken mirror. A personal narrative by Adam Breede of The Sunday Bee.

Hate.  
He hated women. Well—you've heard that before. But William Dudley Pelley gives this old-time plot a new twist and the result is that he has fashioned a story that will delight every one who reads it. In the magazine section.

Home.  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home. But then maybe the old home ain't what it used to be. Or what is it that's the matter? Abe Martin makes a few timely comments on topics of the day. You have to laugh, but at the same time the homely philosophy he expresses is sound and you have to admit it. In the magazine section.

### Breach Is Widening in Europe

Semi-Official Temps in Unmistakable Language Issues First Ultimatum to British Since Waterloo.

### English Resent Stand

Paris, June 8.—Premier Poincare absolutely rejected the German reparations proposals tonight in his first official expression since the receipt of the note from Berlin, when he appeared before the senate commissions on foreign affairs and finance to answer a long questionnaire on the operations in the Ruhr.

The premier said the French and Belgian governments had agreed not to consider any proposal from Chancellor Cuno unless it was preceded by complete and final cessation of the German passive resistance campaign. He assured the senators that the government's relations with the Belgians were satisfactory and that everything was going well in the Ruhr.

By Associated Press.  
Paris, June 8.—What is practically the first ultimatum that France has addressed to England since the battle of Waterloo was contained in the veiled but unmistakable language of the semi-official Temps tonight.

The Temps puts the issue up to Premier Baldwin thus: "Either you throw down the German note as worthless of discussion, in which case you are on our side and endorsing our policy in the Ruhr, or you announce that the note is a basis for discussion, in which case you openly ally yourself with Germany."

Believe Position Strong.  
Never, since the Napoleonic wars, has any French leader dared to speak thus openly to Albion. It shows how tremendously strong France believes her position to be.

Holding the heart of industrial Europe, with Belgium on one side and Poland on the other, both well armed and ready to obey orders, France today certainly will not take suggestions much less orders, from her ancient foe, England.

Summed up roughly, the situation in this: France would like England to be friendly, but if she is not, France thinks herself now strong enough to defy not only England but the whole world in defense of what she believes to be her right.

England Exerts Influence.  
London, June 8.—The British government not only threw down the latest German note as a long step towards settlement of the reparations problem, but, supported by the press and the great industrial and financial interests, is exerting its influence.

Daniel J. Connell Dies at Home of Pneumonia  
Daniel J. Connell, 2756 South Thirtieth street, died yesterday at his home from pneumonia.

Mr. Connell was born in Elkhorst, Neb., and came to Omaha 42 years ago. He had resided on the South Side since that time. He was prominent in democratic circles and was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Menora Corrigan; one sister, Katherine Connell, and one brother, Patrick H. Connell.

Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick Catholic church at 9 Monday morning.

According to Edward C. Cogan, secretary of the Omaha council of the Knights of Columbus, a guard of honor, consisting of eight knights, will attend the body of Mr. Connell Monday.

Arguments Heard on Right of Holdrege Bank to Collect  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, June 8.—The state supreme court listened today to arguments on the claim of the Citizens State Bank of Holdrege that it had a right to collect from the guaranty fund the amount of loss involved in that bank's action in taking over assets and liabilities of the defunct Holdrege State bank.

Following refusal of the state department of trade and commerce to make good the alleged loss the Holdrege State bank closed its doors.

Kiwanis Hears of Utah.  
George E. Broados of Salt Lake City, addressed the Kiwanis club weekly luncheon at Hotel Rome yesterday noon on "Utah Scenery."

### The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., June 8, 1923.

Highest, 83	Lowest, 63	Mean, 64	Normal, 75
Total Precipitation, 0.0	Relative Humidity, Percentage, 74	Wind, S.W. 11	Direction, S.W.
Hourly Temperatures.			
5 a. m.	60	7 a. m.	67
8 a. m.	68	9 a. m.	72
11 a. m.	78	12 noon	82
1 p. m.	82	2 p. m.	85
5 p. m.	80	8 p. m.	75
10 p. m.	68	11 p. m.	65
Temperatures at Other Places.			
Denver	62	San Francisco	62
Chicago	68	Portland	68
London	68	Valparaiso	68

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